

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Monday, August 4, 2014

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Chairman

Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chairman

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

Paul Mankofsky

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent

Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. All members were present. Administrative staff member present was Michelle

Fonseca.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for August 4, 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

•State Resolution Regarding School Rankings – Senator DiPalma had a General Assembly Resolution drawn up regarding Middletown High School’s recognition as the fifth ranked high school in the state.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for August 4, 2014.

INFORMATION

- Town and Schools Annual Appreciation Dinner to be held on August 19th.**
- Copy of informational handout presented to over 100 Naval War College Students.**
- Letter from Chartwells regarding continuation of contract.**
- Thank you note from educational consultant.**

- Donation letters.
- M.H.S. Humanities Department Newsletter
- Thank you notes from students who received scholarships.

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CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for August 4, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.

- Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2014 School Committee Meeting
- Approval of Quarterly Report

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Karen Massaro Athletic Director

Leslie Gilman Lead Teacher, Aquidneck School

Deanne Reilly Lead Teacher, Forest Avenue School

Jennifer Holubenko Grade Four Leader, J.H. Gaudet Learning Academy

Trina Bona Social Studies Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School (One Year Only)

Rachel Sliwowski .6 Science (Biology) Teacher, Middletown High School

Kimberly D'Arpino Social Studies 5-8 Head Content Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

GRADES 9-12 MOST CREDIT RECOVERY TEACHER – SOCIAL STUDIES AS OF JULY 7, 2014

Kevin Lendrum

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014-2015

Heather Carney .6 French to Full-Time French, Middletown High School

Gilda Bullard .6 Music to Full-Time Music

Grainne Phelps Grade 8 Math, J.H. Gaudet School, to Math, Middletown High School

Kelly Young .4 Physical Education to Full-Time Physical Education

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 11, 2014

Arthur Bell Varsity Football Coach

John Horsman Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Luis Oliveira Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach

Tom Conrad Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer Coach

David Kolator Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach

Stephen Turcotte Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer Coach

Jennifer Cavallaro 6/7/8 Grade Co-Ed Cross Country Coach

Leah Rosin-Pritchard Girls' Varsity Volleyball coach

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RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

Karen M. Weikert Grade Three Teacher, Forest Avenue School

RESIGNATION

Sarah Topazio 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck School

**Barbara Jones 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, J.H. Gaudet School
Learning Academy**

Sharon Thibeault District/School Data Support Personnel (217 Days)

Connie Wells Bus Monitor

ACTION ITEMS

HOME SCHOOLING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 13-14-09, 14-15-01 and 14-15-02. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARD – GAUDET AND HIGH SCHOOL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the bid for kitchen equipment to TriMark. Unanimous vote.

SURPLUS ATHLETIC UNIFORM DONATION

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the surplus of athletic uniforms that were purchased by the Sports Boosters. Motion Passed 4 to 1.

YAY: ABSTAIN:

Theresa Spengler Paul Mankofsky

Kellie DiPalma Simeone

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

The Boosters originally bought the uniforms. They are out of date and cannot be used so the School Department will surplus the uniforms back to the Boosters.

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2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the 2013-14 budget amendments. Motion Passed 4 to 1.

YAY: NAY:

Theresa Spengler Paul Mankofsky

Kellie DiPalma Simeone

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

What the committee votes on tonight is what will be presented to the Town Council on August 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

•2013-2014 Line Item Amendments

NEW BUSINESS

•J.F. Kennedy School – The Town has assumed the J.F. Kennedy School with a formal surplus vote from the School Committee. The school department has been holding on to the building with the hopes that universal preschool will be instituted. If we surplus the building to the Town and universal preschool becomes a reality, the Town is required to find space. The school department has been carrying the insurance and the Town has been covering expenses. A neighboring school department will be renting space. We need to meet with the Town and come up with a transition plan. There are a number of annual inspections that have to be maintained. Maintenance is a discussion that needs to be considered. The Robotics program is in the cafeteria. Mrs. Spengler's concern is that if we surplus and if we need it later, what will be the condition of the building. It is a good building that is structurally sound. Mr. Collins said that people need to realize that we are constantly maintaining the building, while the Town reimburses us for utilities. The insurance, which is between \$12-15K, needs to be transferred to the Town. Mrs. Simeone mentioned that the long-term plan for the town is to knock down Kennedy School and the library.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

The Curriculum, Financial, and Facilities Reports will be presented at the August 25th Meeting.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

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Mrs. Kraeger reminded all that the A.L.I.C.E. Training will be held on August 13th and 14th.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Simeone attended the Middletown Prevention Coalition Meeting. There was discussion about using the vacant side of Berkeley Peckham for a youth or teen center. This is very preliminary. Mrs. Spengler said that there is nothing for kids to do in the community and a teen center would be good.**
- Mrs. Fenton attended a State School Board Association Meeting. Information was distributed regarding BuyBoard, a National**

Purchasing Cooperative. Mrs. Fenton also attended the Attorney General's Access to Public Records and Open Meetings Act.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk